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1. Work is in progress on new industrial sites near Beroun and Rokycany.
- 25X1C 2. According to , the sidings at the stations on the Pilsen-Klatovy line are being enlarged to a greater capacity than is needed for present rail traffic. The Klatovy freight yards were considerably enlarged in the direction of Janovice and Nyrsko. The Klatovy railroad station has about eight additional rail sidings.
3. A collective farm has not been established at Ujezdec near Klatovy. There are very few JZD's in the Klatovy district. Some JZD's already established have been a complete failure and have been disbanded, the fields being returned to their former owners.
4. The same agricultural quotas which were set for 1953 and which were not fulfilled are now to be completed in three years' time. The farmers, however, are sceptical about this measure, which they believe might be changed at any time the communist régime wills it.
5. The following are sample monthly wages: postman, 800 Czech crowns; auto mechanic, 1,200 Czech crowns; factory worker, 800 - 1,000 Czech crowns.
6. The following are current prices: one kilogram of butter, 44-51 Czech crowns; one kilogram of pork meat, 30 Czech crowns; 10 decagrams (dkg) of chocolate, 18 Czech crowns; one kilogram of oranges, 14 Czech crowns; a pair of shoes, 150-500 Czech crowns; a loaf of bread (about three kilograms ?), 8.40 Czech crowns; a radio set, 1,000-2,000 Czech crowns. There is a widespread lack of money.

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